

MAJOR HAWKES IN AWKWARD CORNER.

Complaining Witness in Hemp Investigation Confronted by a Damaging Letter.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Erastus L. Hawkes, formerly a Major in the volunteer service, was compelled to make some admissions damaging to himself to-day before the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, which is investigating his charges against Lieutenant Colonel H. O. S. Helstead.

At the same time, he succeeded in introducing testimony showing that Mr. C. D. McKeljohn, formerly Assistant Secretary of War, had a conversation of some kind with the hemp enterprise which Lieutenant Colonel Helstead was promoting, and that Mr. McKeljohn agreed to appoint Hawkes in the custom service, on condition that the latter returned a letter written by the Assistant Secretary.

Assistant General H. C. Corbin, who appeared as a witness, admitted that Lieutenant Colonel Helstead had approached him as to the advisability of joining the hemp company, but two days later the General informed Lieutenant Colonel Helstead that he could not go into such a venture or be connected with it in any way.

From General Corbin's statements it is apparent that Mr. Charles H. Allen, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Navy, had no connection with the enterprise.

The subcommittee has called Mr. McKeljohn to Washington to submit his testimony and Mr. Allen will also be called.

Statements That Are Conflicting.

Mr. Hawkes made conflicting statements today which the subcommittee regarded as important. In a letter to Lieutenant Helstead, written from Manila after his discharge from the customs service, Hawkes stated that, having received the original letters regarding the hemp enterprise, the army officer thought himself safe, "but I beg to inform you that certified copies of all correspondence and photographs of the most important papers were retained by me and are now in my possession."

When the investigation of the charges against Lieutenant Helstead was resumed, Hawkes stated that, having received the original letters regarding the hemp enterprise, the army officer thought himself safe, "but I beg to inform you that certified copies of all correspondence and photographs of the most important papers were retained by me and are now in my possession."

General Corbin's testimony.

General H. C. Corbin, who was named in the resolution as one of the parties to the deal, testified that Colonel Helstead made a general statement to him concerning the organization of a company and asked him if he would like to invest in it. He thought favorably of the concern, but two or three days later he told Helstead that he had no money to invest in any company.

Some time afterwards Assistant Secretary Allen came to him and said that a man named Hawkes was using both their names to float some scheme. He told Allen that Hawkes had no authority to use his name.

Neither Boyd nor McKeljohn ever talked to him, nor did he ever discuss the matter with Hawkes. He knew of Hawkes, as he was appointed to the customs service, and subsequently applied for another appointment. The papers for the latter place were withdrawn. Later Hawkes called to him with a claim against Helstead and he had sent it to Helstead. That was all his connection with the matter. He wanted to state, he said, for the honor of his country, that he never heard of Hawkes until the War Department could be used for any dishonest purposes.

BELLEVILLE.

Vogel Returned to Belleville.

His Friends Had Been Very Anxious for Him.

Fred Vogel, a Belleville barber, has his own idea of humor. He disappeared mysteriously on last Thursday, and his friends have been worrying themselves in running down clues of various sorts to locate him. It was believed that he had either committed suicide or had been kidnapped. Yesterday afternoon he appeared at the barber shop he had last Thursday. Several of his friends were in the place at the time, and they started in fear. He quickly convinced them that he was real, and then he

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WHITE RIBBONS ARE IN SESSION.

Annual W. C. T. U. Convention Opens With Memorial Services at Mount Calvary Church.

More than 200 members of the St. Louis Woman's Christian Temperance Union were present yesterday at the Mount Calvary Christian Church, at the seventh annual convention. Three sessions were held and an interesting programme was carried out.

The feature of the morning session was a memorial service in memory of the late Mrs. Belle P. Robert, who was a prominent member of the organization for many years.

"Her Early Life," "Her Church Life," by Mrs. M. E. Culbertson, and "Her Life as a W. C. T. U." was presented by Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman, president of the Missouri W. C. T. U. Loving tributes were also paid by Mrs. Cairnes, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Ingalls, Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Field.

Among the other features of the morning session were a chorus, "All Around the World Is the White Ribbon Entwined," rendered by the girls of Forest Park University, a recitation by Mrs. R. P. Todd, and response by Mrs. N. B. Stanz, Mrs. T. C. Carlson conducted the "Quiet Hour" and Mrs. Maggie Cleveland the opening devotional exercises.

A feature of the afternoon session was the "Alcoholics Meeting," presided over by Mrs. Culbertson, and at which a paper was read by Mrs. West on "The Need of Recreation for Mothers, and Its Value Through Them to the Home," was read by Mrs. N. B. Stanz.

The afternoon session closed with a general discussion of the work of the "How Can Children Be Taught a Wise Economy?" Solos were sung by Mrs. Myra A. Chisholm, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Clark.

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READ PAPER ON SMOKE PREVENTION.

Former Inspector Bryan Gave His Views at Meeting of the Engineers' Club.

At the regular meeting of the Engineers' Club last night the principal feature was a paper read by William H. Bryan on the subject of smoke inspection and smoke prevention. Mr. Bryan was Smoke Commissioner when the old smoke ordinance was in effect, and his views were, accordingly, given much weight, because of his experience.

Mr. Bryan's paper was an exhaustive review of smoke inspection and prevention, compiled from data obtained from thorough investigation into the conditions prevailing in the large manufacturing centers, where the consumption of fuel and the abolition of noxious smokes and gases have been a subject of thorough investigation.

In the course of the remarks Mr. Bryan said that, briefly speaking, there were three methods of preventing smoke—shutting down smoke-producing plants, burning ordinary fuels smokelessly and using smokeless fuels.

Mr. Bryan believes, with others, that the most feasible solution of the smoke-preventing problem lies in the use of smokeless fuels, but as the use of this fuel is very costly, placing it beyond the reach of ordinary consumers, it cannot fairly be considered, he said, as a factor in the problem.

This being the case, he said, attention must be directed to the problem of burning ordinary fuels smokelessly.

Under this head Mr. Bryan devoted considerable attention to the numerous devices offered by mechanical engineers to overcome the general complaint of smoke, of which, he said, he possessed much more of which were applicable or adaptable to each case.

Mr. Bryan affirmed, however, that some one or more of the devices which he cited was applicable to every smoke-making furnace in St. Louis, without entailing any hardship on the user, provided it is intelligently operated and maintained.

In conclusion, Mr. Bryan said: "I am in hopes that the World's Fair authorities will have the problem in an effective manner. What could be more interesting and valuable than to show an immense power plant developing thousands upon thousands of horse power, burning our own smokeless fuel, and with a wide choice of apparatus, in so doing we should give an object lesson to the world."

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PECULIAR SENTENCE.

English Judge Orders a Prisoner to Sail for America.

London, Oct. 2.—Yesterday at the Clerkenwell Criminal Sessions a young American named Ford Ritchie, who had been convicted of robbery, received a novel sentence.

The Judge said he would be merciful, in the hope of redeeming the prisoner from a life of crime, and would send him to jail for confinement and instruction.

He would be conducted to Queenstown and handed over to friends on board a vessel bound for America, with the understanding that if he refused to go with them he would be rearrested and sentenced to imprisonment for a term commensurate with his offenses.

TELEGRAPH NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

MURPHYSBORO, ILL.—The Southern Illinois Conference of Ministers of the Methodist Church, South, began Wednesday at the Methodist Church, South, for a four days' session. Nearly one hundred ministers are in attendance.

OMAHA, NEB.—John Woodward, assistant superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, headquarters at Lincoln, committed suicide yesterday.

ASHLEY, ILL.—At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Palace Hotel, with mineral baths in connection and private dwelling, owned and operated by the Kriek household, were destroyed by fire.

DALLAS, TEX.—Rural free delivery of mail has gone into effect in Dallas County and the sixth Congressional District generally yesterday, resulting in the destruction of miles in length, radiating from Dallas. Four county post offices were discontinued.

BREHMAN, TEX.—C. H. McKinney died at his home in Brehman, Texas, of a shot received by his pistol dropping from his pocket.

JOPLIN, MO.—The Royal Blue mining plant, located on the Grady company's ground, northwest of Joplin, Mo., was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. Loss was \$5,000, with small insurance.

BRATTON CAPTURED PRIZES.

East St. Louis Horseman Wins in Four Events.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 2.—Society had another gala night at the race show, and saw John H. Bratton of East St. Louis carry off prizes in four events. The night's programme included ten classes, of which the features were tandems and high jumpers and hunters. There were from three to twenty-five entries in each class, and Mr. Bratton was in nearly all of them.

In the class for saddle horse, walk, trot and canter, Bratton won with a 6-year-old chestnut gelding, 16 hands high.

In the class for horses in harness he captured first prize with My Surprise, an 8-year-old brown gelding, 16 hands 15 1/2.

For horses in harness, driven as a pair, he took second prize, with His Eminence and His Excellency, two beautiful 6-year-old brown geldings, 16 hands high.

For horses in harness, driven as a single, he took third prize Tuesday night in the class for American saddle horses, gelded.

L. & N. ANNUAL ELECTION.